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Letter dated 11 November 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with Act. No. 26671 adopted by the Congress of the Republic of Peru, the Executive Committee of the judiciary of Peru issued Administrative Decision No. 5190-CME-PJ dated 28 October 1997, which stipulates that as from 15 October of the current year the Permanent Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice of Peru shall be the body responsible for conducting, supervising and monitoring legal proceedings in cases involving acts of terrorism, as provided for in Decree Law No. 25475.

As a result, the so-called "faceless courts", in which the judges' identities were hidden, created as an emergency measure in response to the violent situation in the country, have been dissolved. Consequently, the fundamental procedural rules in force shall be applied in legal proceedings involving terrorism.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 112 (b).

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